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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: HPSCI Staff Briefing

1. On Monday, May 2, 1983, [redacted] of ALA and I went to H-405 Capitol for the regular Monday morning HPSCI staff briefing. The topic designated by HPSCI was "Recent Regional Peace Initiatives in Central America."

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2. Diane LaVoy was the only staff member present for the entire 1 1/2 hour session. Dick Giza and Elizabeth Keyes made brief appearances. No one else was present.

3. The briefing consisted of discussion of the various regional proposals aimed at preventing or reducing foreign involvement in Central America. Each of the regional initiatives was assessed and compared with earlier ones. Bilateral relations were also discussed and the efforts by some states to treat the current situation as a regional dilemma rather than one to be resolved by a series of bilaterals.

4. Diane LaVoy lamented her lack of information about the actual ground situation in the Nicaragua/Honduras border area and the Nicaraguans' perception of the threat they see from their neighbors. She also indicated surprise that ALA did not have more analytic resources devoted to analysis of regional peace initiatives. [redacted] briefly explained the pessimistic outlook generally accorded these regional peace proposals and the continuing heavy demands on ALA's limited staff. The session ended cordially with Diane LaVoy expressing the Committee's strong interest in the topic despite the lack of attendance at the briefing. There were no follow-up requests.

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